

Title (en)

METHOD OF DETERMINING A SAMPLING SCHEME, ASSOCIATED APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUR BESTIMMUNG EINES ABTASTSCHEMAS, ZUGEHÖRIGE VORRICHTUNG UND COMPUTERPROGRAMM

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉ DE DÉTERMINATION D'UN SCHÉMA D'ÉCHANTILLONNAGE, APPAREIL ASSOCIÉ ET PROGRAMME INFORMATIQUE

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Abstract (en)

Disclosed is a method of determining a sampling scheme. The method comprises obtaining a parallel sensor description and identifying a plurality of candidate acquisition configurations based on said parallel sensor description and potential metrology locations. Each of said candidate acquisition configurations is evaluated in terms of an evaluation metric and a candidate acquisition configuration is selected based on said evaluation. The corresponding metrology locations for the selected acquisition configuration is added to the sampling scheme.

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